

Islam is a way of life for millions of Americans, and we in the Congress want them and all Americans to know of our Nation's view that Islam should be understood as a faith that firmly upholds the values of respect for the individual human being, the value of the family, and justice for all. We join the growing American Muslim community in condemning those who try to tell us otherwise and who commit crimes against humanity in the name of Islam.

Congress has expressed itself formally in condemnation of those who, in the wake of the events of September 11, took illegal actions against people solely because they were, or seemed to be, Muslims. Moreover, we support the President in his forthright expressions against all such illegal actions, his prosecution of those who commit such crimes; and we join President Bush's assurances that our efforts in Operation Enduring Freedom against terrorism are not directed against Islam or against Muslims.

Mr. Speaker, to the contrary, we embrace our fellow citizens who are Muslims and all those of the Muslim faith who are temporary or permanent residents here as adherents of one of the three great religions in the monotheistic tradition.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, at the beginning of this holy month, we extend our warmest greetings to the American Muslim community; and we wish them a blessed Ramadan.

AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE SYSTEM

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, we all agree that terrorists should be brought to justice. But what kind of justice? The American jurisprudence system is the envy of the free world with its emphasis on due process. Yet the recent executive order substitutes our American justice system for military tribunals, where officers sit as judge and jury with secret evidence, secret witnesses, secret verdicts, and even secretly handed-down death sentences.

This order is not reflective of the workings of the great solons of the law whose likenesses ring this Chamber. This is not reflective of Jeffersonian democracy. This is Kafka's trial writ large. We cannot, we should not let the actions of terrorists cause us to reject our American system of justice. The ultimate terror in a democracy is the destruction of constitutional principles.

Let us defend against terrorism, and may we always remain one Nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

URGING ACTION ON AIRLINE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILL

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, if you read Roll Call today, you will realize that the majority leader of the other Chamber decided at a very important engagement with President Putin to make a joke about his height. A few months ago, he seemed to make the same reference to our own President when he questioned his international stature. The gentleman must obviously have a height fetish. Rather than focusing on things we can do for our country, he is making fun of the gentleman's stature.

Our President has led us successfully in Afghanistan. The words from the field include: "The Taliban's on the run"; "we're focusing in on bin Laden"; and "we're going to achieve our goal because the United States and its allies remain committed to the end of terrorism."

I salute our President. I urge the majority leader of the other body to quickly take up the airline security bill which the House passed which includes options for localities to hire the kind of screeners they need to protect the traveling public. I also urge him to take up the economic stimulus bill that is ready at his desk and ready for the American economy.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded not to make mention of Members of the other body.

WELCOMING IMAM YAHYA HENDI

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, as co-chair of the new Democratic Caucus working group on Central Asia and the Middle East, please let me warmly welcome Imam Yahya Hendi to the people's House.

His prayer ascends to the God of us all, who "shows us the straight way, the way of those on whom grace is bestowed, and whose portion is not wrath, so we will not go astray."

Mr. Speaker, I am fortunate to represent a region of our Nation where Muslims for generations along with faith-filled people from all denominations and those of secular persuasion have joined together in an interfaith mission to promote tolerance, understanding, and to advance social justice.

We have built homes for the poor through Habitat for Humanity. We work together in the campaign to erase hatred. Ours is a peaceful community and a patriotic community. Indeed, in

my district, Muslims have made history. They have become prominent citizens in all walks of life: medicine, engineering, law, business, education, and entertainment.

Our citizens built the first mosque in Ohio and the third in our Nation. And just after September 11, people of faith joined hands around our Perrysburg mosque in a strong show of unity with our common bond to the Creator of us all.

During the upcoming Ramadan, Christmas, and Hanukkah seasons, may our national mosaic shaped by people who have come here willingly from throughout the world shine beautifully as an example of how people can live together with respect for one another and without fear.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CORAL GABLES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 75th anniversary of the Coral Gables First United Methodist Church, and I congratulate its clergy and its parishioners.

Since July of 1926, when 100 Coral Gable citizens gathered to charter a United Methodist church, First United has been a spiritual beacon to its community.

With the current leadership of Senior Pastor John Harrington, the church continues its mission of serving south Florida by reaching out to all communities with its message of hope and love. Church members operate a "Pastor's Pantry" and a "Sharing Place" to provide immediate food and clothing needs to the destitute.

The Church also supports many ministries: Habitat for Humanity, the Community Partnership for the Homeless, the Agape Women's Center, and the Riverside House, just to name a few. Funding missions all over the world that bring the promise of Jesus Christ and that relieve suffering in the world have always been priorities for the Coral Gables First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my congressional colleagues to join me and the Matson family in congratulating the Coral Gables First United Methodist Church. May it continue serving with love and devotion as a spiritual center for many of our south Florida residents.

CHINA IS DESTABILIZING THE WORLD WITH AMERICAN CASH

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, a report said China is selling missiles to